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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held on Monday 27th March 2023 in Dunrossness Primary School.

PRESENT

Fiona Mitchell (Chair) Aileen Brown Irvine Burgess Dawna Phillips
Cllr Bryan Peterson (ex officio)

APOLOGIES

Allen Sinclair Helen Moncrieff Vicky Tylsar Ana Arnett (SIC)

ABSENT

Agnes Tallack Cllr Allison Duncan (ex officio)
Cllr Robbie McGregor (ex officio) Cllr Alex Armitage (ex officio)
Michael Duncan (SIC)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Shirley Leslie (Clerk)

22/99 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

22/100 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 27th February 2023 was adopted on the motion of Dawna.

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22/101 POLICE REPORT

There was no Police Report due this month.

22/102 MATTERS ARISING

1) Road Matters:

- a) **Robins Brae Bus Shelter Light:** Irvine will try and check if it is working yet.
 - b) **'Abandoned' Road Signs** – Passed to Barry Scobie & Gary Mainland, SIC.
- 2) **Proposed Kirk Yard Bench:** There was nothing new to report. The Clerk will contact AA Fencing to schedule the installation of the bench now that it is almost Spring.
- 3) **Mainland's Mini Market Defibrillator:** The Clerk reported that, having contacted Luck2BHere regarding the defibrillators in the Dunrossness area via email, Lizzy plans to make contact via telephone to discuss the current arrangements between Lucky2BHere and the local defibrillators.

22/103 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

- 1) **Southend Mainland Community Association - To assist with the costs of purchasing a set of Hi-Raise Wheels for the junior team's goal posts.** It was agreed, as proposed by Aileen and seconded by Dawna, to award the requested sum of £750.
- 2) **Scousburgh Sand Road:** The Clerk reported that, as the members were probably aware, the repair works to the Scousburgh Sand Road are now complete. The grant has been received from SCBF and the invoice from the contractor.

22/104 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

1. **ASCC Meeting:** A meeting of the Association of Shetland Community Councils was held on 14th March and Michael Duncan reported as follows via email:

•Chair & Vice Chair appointments

I am pleased to advise that Ian Walterson and Shayne McLeod were appointed as Chair and Vice Chair respectively. The ASCC passed on its thanks to outgoing Chair Jim Anderson.

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22/104 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

1) ASCC Meeting (continued)

•Community Council Scheme Review

It was agreed that Community Councils should consider the draft scope for the review of the Community Council Scheme of Establishment and provide feedback. This is an opportunity to put forward ideas or views on the review scope.

Community Councils are required to provide written feedback and comments on the scope of the review by no later than 30 April 2023.

A seminar is also due to be held in the coming weeks to seek input and feedback from Elected Members on the review scope. Following both the aforementioned the ASCC will arrange a special meeting in May - date to be confirmed in due course.

•Community Resilience

Discussion took place with regards to community resilience. Following power outages in December and recent snowy conditions, there is an opportunity for resilience plans to be produced/reviewed and this would include a role for community councils.

Ready Scotland website provides lots of useful information and advice and can be found at <https://ready.scot>

It was also noted that SSEN Resilient Communities Fund should be having one more round later this year. In order to access funding for this, Emergency Plans require to be produced. Organisations with robust Emergency Plans are most likely to be prioritised for funding from this scheme. Each Community Council area could look at developing their own plan.

•BT Telecom Land Lines

This topic was discussed by the ASCC. It was noted that BT's plan to phase out copper lines and replace with digital technology. This move to digital technology could have implications on community resilience, especially during bad weather and power outages. It was agreed that the ASCC to write to a range of local and national bodies and raise the issue to see what sort of solutions BT are proposing to minimise impacts and maintain resilience. It is also hoped to invite BT to attend a future ASCC meeting.

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22/105 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllr Bryan Peterson provided the below report:

- 1) **Sandwick JHS Review** – The latest inspectors report has still not been received. The SIC commissioned an investigation into what led the school to fail the inspection initially and recommendations have been made with things now moving forward. Bryan noted that there are a lot of vacancies across the school estate.
- 2) **SIC Budget** – The budgets have been set for the coming financial year. Officers had already been asked to make savings prior to the budget setting meeting with a further 1% cut made subsequently.

22/106 FAIR ISLE

Fiona reported as follows:

- 1) **GP Visits:** There has been no GP visit to Fair Isle since last summer, which means residents have to organise a trip to the Mainland for appointments including children's vaccinations, smear tests etc. The Fair Isle community are aware the Levenwick surgery is short staffed, but it is very time consuming and quite expensive for residents to have to travel to the Mainland for all appointments. Previously a doctor used to average 8 or 9 visits to the Isle per year. It was agreed to write to the Levenwick Medical Practice regarding the matter.
- 2) **Fair Isle Housing:** The Fair Isle Committee had asked the SIC to postpone the letting of the vacant 'Council House' with a view to it being available for a new ferry crew member. However, the property has now been let and the vacancy for a new ferry crew member still to be advertised. Concerns were expressed reference the length of time this vacancy has been on going and it was agreed that the Community Council would write to Andrew Inkster, head of SIC ferries, for an update.
- 3) **Deposit Return Scheme:** It was agreed that the Deposit Return Scheme is often not viable due to the high cost of shipping waste. Stackhoull Stores has applied for an Environmental Exemption but is yet to hear if it has been successful.

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22/107 CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Crofting Commission Area Representatives Recruitment 2023:** The Crofting Commission is seeking to recruit “*enthusiastic volunteers from within the Crofting Counties*”. Further information can be found on the Crofting Commission website or by contacting development@crofting.gov.scot
2. **Da Voar Redd Up 2023:** This years Voar Redd Up will take place between 23rd and 28th April. Groups who participated in 2022 should have now received information regarding registration. New groups can register online via the Shetland Amenity Trust website. The Amenity Trust is keen to hear of any new locations which it is considered would benefit from a redd up.
3. **Coronation Weekend:** Lord Lieutenant, Bobby Hunter, had emailed regarding plans for the Coronation Weekend in May. Details of national events can be found on the official website. He had also received some ideas for local events and would be very interested to hear about any other plans.

22/108 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 1) **Hillock Path ‘Dog Poo Bin’:** Irvine enquired if it would be possible to have a ‘dog poo bin’ sited on the path which runs from the Hillock up to the main road near the playing fields. It was noted that the ‘Essy Kert’ will only empty additional bins if they are on their existing route. It was agreed to contact Carl Symons and enquire, in principal, if it would be possible to get an additional bin emptied.

22/109 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

- 1) **Formation of linkspan, rock armour extension and associated works at Grutness Pier, Grutness, Virkie** - There were no objections.
- 2) **Change of use of land to a glamping site consisting of 4 no. glamping pods and a site utility pod along with associated road access, parking and drainage, Scousburgh, Dunrossness by Pods Shetland Ltd** – Although this will be the third set of glamping pods in the Dunrossness area, the members still felt there was probably enough demand to make all three sites viable. There were no objections.

DRAFT MINUTE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING

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There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8:30 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 24th APRIL 2023 VIA ZOOM.**